

THE ORIGIN AND CAUSES OF BOKO HARAM INCURSION IN NIGERIA

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## ABSTRACT

*The menace of Boko Haram Incursion is undoubtedly devastating not only to the persons affected but to the country's socio-political and economic milieu. And the attempt put in place to ameliorate the situation produces lingering results. Consequently, this paper reexamines the causes of Boko Haram Insurgency professed by academicians, International Organizations and policy makers in which poverty, catastrophic governance and extremism were indicted. However, the paper subverts these postulations as minor or just as exacerbating factors. The major factor of Boko Haram Insurgency according to this paper is "Affluence" rather than poverty or bad governance. The paper believes that for meaningful comprehension of the whole saga, the issue need to be studied within the context of its origination. Anything short of that would be an exercise in futility.*

Key Concepts: Boko Haram, Insurgency, Incursion, Affluence